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Attn: Richard Vasquez

**Re: United States of America v. Rare Breed Triggers, LLC, et al.
Civil Action No. 23-cv-00369 (E.D.N.Y.)**

Dear Mr. Vasquez:

In connection with this litigation, enclosed is a subpoena for you to produce certain records.

Pursuant to the subpoena, the Assistant United States Attorney listed below should receive from you **no later than May 11, 2023**, copies of all documents described in the subpoena. The documents should be accompanied by a properly executed certification certifying that the documents are true and accurate copies of the originals and that all responsive documents have been produced.

Please electronically mail certified copies of the records to the following Assistant United States Attorney:

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Should you have any questions, please contact Assistant U.S. Attorney PAULINA STAMATELOS at (718) 254-6198. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with respect to this matter.

Rick Vasquez Firearms LLC

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

_____ District of _____

Plaintiff

v.

Defendant

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Civil Action No. _____

**SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS, INFORMATION, OR OBJECTS
OR TO PERMIT INSPECTION OF PREMISES IN A CIVIL ACTION**

To:

(Name of person to whom this subpoena is directed)

☐ **Production:** **YOU ARE COMMANDED** to produce at the time, date, and place set forth below the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects, and to permit inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of the material:

Place:	Date and Time:
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☐ **Inspection of Premises:** **YOU ARE COMMANDED** to permit entry onto the designated premises, land, or other property possessed or controlled by you at the time, date, and location set forth below, so that the requesting party may inspect, measure, survey, photograph, test, or sample the property or any designated object or operation on it.

Place:	Date and Time:
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The following provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45 are attached – Rule 45(c), relating to the place of compliance; Rule 45(d), relating to your protection as a person subject to a subpoena; and Rule 45(e) and (g), relating to your duty to respond to this subpoena and the potential consequences of not doing so.

Date: _____

CLERK OF COURT

OR

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Attorney's signature

The name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the attorney representing *(name of party)* _____, who issues or requests this subpoena, are:

Notice to the person who issues or requests this subpoena

If this subpoena commands the production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things or the inspection of premises before trial, a notice and a copy of the subpoena must be served on each party in this case before it is served on the person to whom it is directed. Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(a)(4).

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PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 45.)

I received this subpoena for *(name of individual and title, if any)* _____
on *(date)* _____.

☐ I served the subpoena by delivering a copy to the named person as follows: _____

_____ on *(date)* _____; or

☐ I returned the subpoena unexecuted because: _____

Unless the subpoena was issued on behalf of the United States, or one of its officers or agents, I have also
tendered to the witness the fees for one day's attendance, and the mileage allowed by law, in the amount of
\$ _____.

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ _____.

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____

Server's signature

Printed name and title

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc.:

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45 (c), (d), (e), and (g) (Effective 12/1/13)**(c) Place of Compliance.**

(1) For a Trial, Hearing, or Deposition. A subpoena may command a person to attend a trial, hearing, or deposition only as follows:

- (A) within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; or
- (B) within the state where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person, if the person
 - (i) is a party or a party's officer; or
 - (ii) is commanded to attend a trial and would not incur substantial expense.

(2) For Other Discovery. A subpoena may command:

- (A) production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things at a place within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; and
- (B) inspection of premises at the premises to be inspected.

(d) Protecting a Person Subject to a Subpoena; Enforcement.

(1) Avoiding Undue Burden or Expense; Sanctions. A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpoena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena. The court for the district where compliance is required must enforce this duty and impose an appropriate sanction—which may include lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fees—on a party or attorney who fails to comply.

(2) Command to Produce Materials or Permit Inspection.

(A) *Appearance Not Required.* A person commanded to produce documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or to permit the inspection of premises, need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless also commanded to appear for a deposition, hearing, or trial.

(B) *Objections.* A person commanded to produce documents or tangible things or to permit inspection may serve on the party or attorney designated in the subpoena a written objection to inspecting, copying, testing, or sampling any or all of the materials or to inspecting the premises—or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. The objection must be served before the earlier of the time specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. If an objection is made, the following rules apply:

- (i) At any time, on notice to the commanded person, the serving party may move the court for the district where compliance is required for an order compelling production or inspection.
- (ii) These acts may be required only as directed in the order, and the order must protect a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer from significant expense resulting from compliance.

(3) Quashing or Modifying a Subpoena.

(A) *When Required.* On timely motion, the court for the district where compliance is required must quash or modify a subpoena that:

- (i) fails to allow a reasonable time to comply;
- (ii) requires a person to comply beyond the geographical limits specified in Rule 45(c);
- (iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter, if no exception or waiver applies; or
- (iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

(B) *When Permitted.* To protect a person subject to or affected by a subpoena, the court for the district where compliance is required may, on motion, quash or modify the subpoena if it requires:

- (i) disclosing a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information; or

(ii) disclosing an unretained expert's opinion or information that does not describe specific occurrences in dispute and results from the expert's study that was not requested by a party.

(C) *Specifying Conditions as an Alternative.* In the circumstances described in Rule 45(d)(3)(B), the court may, instead of quashing or modifying a subpoena, order appearance or production under specified conditions if the serving party:

- (i) shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship; and
- (ii) ensures that the subpoenaed person will be reasonably compensated.

(e) Duties in Responding to a Subpoena.

(1) Producing Documents or Electronically Stored Information. These procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information:

(A) *Documents.* A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents must produce them as they are kept in the ordinary course of business or must organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the demand.

(B) *Form for Producing Electronically Stored Information Not Specified.* If a subpoena does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, the person responding must produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms.

(C) *Electronically Stored Information Produced in Only One Form.* The person responding need not produce the same electronically stored information in more than one form.

(D) *Inaccessible Electronically Stored Information.* The person responding need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the person identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the person responding must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 26(b)(2)(C). The court may specify conditions for the discovery.

(2) Claiming Privilege or Protection.

(A) *Information Withheld.* A person withholding subpoenaed information under a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial-preparation material must:

- (i) expressly make the claim; and
- (ii) describe the nature of the withheld documents, communications, or tangible things in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the parties to assess the claim.

(B) *Information Produced.* If information produced in response to a subpoena is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as trial-preparation material, the person making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies it has; must not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved; must take reasonable steps to retrieve the information if the party disclosed it before being notified; and may promptly present the information under seal to the court for the district where compliance is required for a determination of the claim. The person who produced the information must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

(g) Contempt.

The court for the district where compliance is required—and also, after a motion is transferred, the issuing court—may hold in contempt a person who, having been served, fails without adequate excuse to obey the subpoena or an order related to it.

United States v. Rare Breed Triggers, et al., 23-CV-369 (NRM) (RML)
Appendix A for Rick Vasquez Firearms LLC
Fed. R. Civ. P. 45 Subpoena

Definitions

1. “You” or “your” shall mean **Rick Vasquez Firearms LLC** with a registered address at 104 Shadow Creek Drive, Hubert, NC 28539-6005 and a mailing address at 235 Deer Creek Rd, Winchester, VA 22602-1648.

2. “Wolf Tactical” refers to Wolf Tactical, LLC, a company with a registered address of 1250 Robert S Light Dr Apt 7101, Buda, Texas 78610 and a mailing address of 1955 FM 2001, Suite 600, Buda, Texas 78610, and all predecessors, successors, parent organizations, subsidiaries, affiliates, branches, divisions, units or offices of such entity, and any person acting on its behalf, including but not limited to current or former directors, officers, employees, independent contractors, attorneys, consultants, accountants, investigators, representatives or agents.

2. “Communication” means any transmission or exchange of information between two or more persons orally or in writing and includes, without limitation, any conversation or discussion, whether face-to-face or by means of telephone or other media, whether by chance or design.

3. “Documentary material,” “document,” or “documents” shall mean all writings, recordings, papers, tangible things, or electronically produced or stored information of any kind whatsoever, including but not limited to all originals and non-identical copies or reproductions of all records, paper, communication, tabulation, chart, spreadsheets, diaries, appointment books, calendars, schedules, journals, notes, memoranda, reports, minutes, notices, accounting records, QuickBooks files and records, charts, graphs, tables, bulletins, financial statements, balance sheets, asset lists, ledgers, letters, correspondence of any kind, contracts, agreements, negotiable instruments, time records, bills, invoices, pay slips, notepads, notebooks, postcards, telegrams, facsimiles, telexes, films, microfilms, photographs, videotapes, slides, motion pictures, diagrams, models, drawings, recordings, tapes, transcriptions, books, publications, phone records, electronic mail, voice mail, computer files (or any other information or data compilations stored in or accessible through computer or other information retrieval systems, together with instructions and all other materials necessary to use or interpret such data compilations), and other things, whether prepared by handwriting, printing, typing, photostating, photographing, electronic recording, or any other means of recording, communication or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds or symbols, or combinations thereof.

4. “Concerning,” “relating to” or “relate” shall mean consisting of, constituting, containing, discussing, describing, referring to, reflecting, supporting, evidencing, prepared in connection with, used in preparation for, or being in any way legally, logically, or factually connected to the matter discussed.

5. “And,” “or,” and “and/or” shall be construed either disjunctively or conjunctively so as to bring within the scope of these document requests any information which might otherwise be construed as outside their scope.

6. The singular and plurals forms of any word shall be construed interchangeably so as to bring within the scope of these document requests any information which might otherwise be construed as outside their scope.

7. All present tenses of verbs or verb forms shall be considered to include within their meaning the future and past tenses as well, and vice versa.

8. The words “or” and “and” are inclusive, referring to any one or more of the disjoined words or phrases, and “any” and “all” also include “each” and “every.”

9. The word “any,” when used in reference to a particular set of individuals or entities, refers, inclusively, to any one of such individuals or entities, any subset of such individuals or entities, or all such individuals or entities.

10. Rare Breed Triggers, LLC (“RBT”), is a company that has a principal place of business in Florida. Originally formed in Florida, the company later organized in North Dakota as Rare Breed Triggers, LLC.

11. Rare Breed Firearms, LLC (“RBF”) is a sister company of Rare Breed Triggers, LLC, and is incorporated in Texas.

12. Wolf Tactical AR1 trigger system (“AR1”) refers to the Forced Reset Trigger (“FRT”), submitted for evaluation by the ATF by You on behalf of Wolf Tactical LLC.

13. The phrase “Federal Firearms Licensees” or (“FFLs”) includes individuals who are licensed to engage in the business of manufacturing, importing and/or dealing in firearms. These persons must be licensed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives (“ATF”) to engage in the business of firearms. FFLs include dealers, manufacturers, importer as defined by the ATF.

14. The term Wide Open Trigger (“WOT”) is a trigger assembly designed to be fitted into an AR-15 style firearm.

15. The term “FRT-15” refers to a trigger assembly designed to be fitted into an AR-15 style firearm sold by RBT.

Documentary Material Requested by this Fed. R. Civ. P. 45 Subpoena

1. All agreements and contracts executed between You and Lawrence DeMonico regarding the AR1 for the time period January 1, 2018 to the present.
2. All documents and communications between You and Lawrence DeMonico regarding the AR1 for the time period January 1, 2018 to the present.
3. All documents and communications between You and Lawrence DeMonico regarding US Patent Number 10,514,223 B1 and/or 10,514,223 for the time period January 1, 2018 to the present.
4. All documents and communications between You and Lawrence DeMonico regarding US Patent Number 9568264 for the time period January 1, 2018 to the present.
5. All documents and communications between You and RBF regarding the AR1 trigger system, including, but not limited to, any components or accessories associated with the AR1 trigger system, for the time period January 1, 2018 to the present.
6. All documents and communications between You and RBF and Lawrence DeMonico regarding US Patent Number 10,514,223 B1 and/or 10,514,223 for the time period January 1, 2018 to the present.
7. All documents and communications between You and RBT regarding the AR1, including, but not limited to, any components or accessories associated with the AR1 trigger system, for the time period January 1, 2018 to the present.
8. All documents and communications between You and RBT regarding US Patent Number 10,514,223 B1 for the time period January 1, 2018 to the present.
9. For the period of May 4, 2020 through the present, all agreements and contracts executed between You and RBT.
10. For the period of January 10, 2017 through the present, all agreements and contracts executed between You and RBF.
11. Documents sufficient to show all financial transactions between You and RBF, including but not limited to, canceled checks (front and back), cashier's checks, certified checks, official checks, traveler's checks, bank checks, or money orders issued by You or RBF.
12. Documents sufficient to show all financial transactions between You and RBT, including but not limited to, canceled checks (front and back), cashier's checks, certified checks, official checks, traveler's checks, bank checks, or money orders issued by You or RBT.
13. All documents and communications between You and FFLs regarding the FRT-15.

14. All documents and communications between You and FFLs regarding the WOT.

Specifications for Production of ESI and Digitized (“Scanned”) Images (“Production Specifications”)

Collection of Electronically Stored Information (ESI)

Careful consideration should be given to the methodology, implementation and documentation of ESI collection to ensure that all responsive data and metadata are preserved in the collection process.

1. Specification Modifications

Any modifications or deviations from the Production Specifications may be done only with the express permission of the Department of Justice (the “Department”). Any responsive data or documents that exist in locations or native forms not discussed in these Production Specifications remain responsive and, therefore, arrangements should be made with the Department to facilitate their production.

2. Production Format of ESI and Imaged Hard Copy

Responsive ESI and imaged hard copy shall be produced in the format outlined below. All ESI, except as outlined below in sections 9 – 18, shall be rendered to type TIFF image format, and accompanied by an Image Cross Reference file. All applicable metadata (see section 3 below) shall be extracted and provided in a load file format.

a. **Image File Format:** All images, paper documents scanned to images, or rendered ESI, shall be produced as 300 dpi single-page TIFF files, CCITT Group IV (2D Compression). Documents should be uniquely and sequentially Bates numbered with an endorsement burned into each image.

- All TIFF file names shall include the unique Bates number burned into the image.
- Each Bates number shall be a standard length, include leading zeros in the number, and be unique for each produced page.
- All TIFF image files shall be stored with the “.tif” extension.
- Images should be able to be OCR’d using standard COTS products, such as LexisNexis LAW PreDiscovery™.
- All pages of a document or all pages of a collection of documents that comprise a folder or other logical grouping, including a box, should be delivered on a single piece of media.
- No image folder shall contain more than 2000 images.

b. **Image Cross Reference file:** Images should be accompanied by an Image Cross Reference file that associates each Bates number with its corresponding single-page TIFF image file. The Cross Reference file should also contain the image file path for each Bates numbered page.

- Image Cross Reference Sample Format:

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ABC00000001,OLS,D:\DatabaseName\Images\001\ ABC00000001.TIF,Y,,  
ABC00000002,OLS,D:\DatabaseName\Images\001\ ABC00000002.TIF,,,,  
ABC00000003,OLS,D:\DatabaseName\Images\001\ ABC00000003.TIF,,,,  
ABC00000004,OLS,D:\DatabaseName\Images\001\ ABC00000004.TIF,Y,,
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c. **Load File:** Images should also be accompanied by a “text load file” containing delimited text that will populate fields in a searchable, flat database environment. The file should contain the required fields listed below in section 3.

- ASCII text delimited load files are defined using the following delimiters:

<i>Field Separator</i>	<i>^ or Code 094</i>
<i>Text Qualifier</i>	<i> or Code 124</i>
<i>Substitute Carriage Return or New Line</i>	<i>() or Code 013</i>

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- The text file should also contain hyperlinks to applicable native files, such as Microsoft Excel or PowerPoint files.
- There should be one line for every record in a collection.
- The load file must contain a field map/key listing the metadata/database fields in the order they appear within the data file. For example, if the data file consists of a First Page of a Record (starting Bates), Last Page of a Record (ending Bates), Document ID, Document Date, File Name, and a Title, then the structure may appear as follows:

|BEGDOC#|^|ENDDOC#|^|DOCID|^|DOCDATE|^|FILENAME|^|TITLE|

- The extracted/OCR text for each document should be provided as a separate single text file. The file name should match the BEGDOC# or DOCID for that specific record and be accompanied by the .txt extension.

3. Required Metadata/Database Fields

- A “✓” denotes that the indicated field should be present in the load file produced.
- “Other ESI” includes non-email or hard copy documents, including but not limited to data discussed in sections 6-9, and 12-18 below.

Field name	Field Description	Field Type	Field Value	Hard Copy	E-Mail	Other ESI
COMPANY	Company/Organization submitting data	Full Text	Unlimited	✓	✓	✓
BOX#	Submission/volume/box number	Note Text	10	✓	✓	✓
CUSTODIAN	Custodian(s)/Source(s) - format: Last, First or ABC Dept	Multi-Entry	Unlimited	✓	✓	✓
AUTHOR	Creator of the document	Note Text	160			✓
BEGDOC#	Start Bates (including prefix) - No spaces	Note Text	60	✓	✓	✓
ENDDOC#	End Bates (including prefix) - No spaces	Note Text	60	✓	✓	✓
DOCID	Unique document Bates # or populate with the same value as Start Bates (DOCID = BEGDOC#)	Note Text	60	✓	✓	✓
PGCOUNT	Page Count	Integer	10	✓	✓	✓
PARENTID	Parent’s DOCID or Parent's Start Bates (for EVERY document including all Child documents)	Note Text	60	✓	✓	✓
ATTACHIDs	Child document list; Child DOCID or Child Start Bates	Multi-Entry	60	✓	✓	✓
ATTACHLIST	List of Attachment Bates numbers	Multi Entry	Unlimited		✓	✓
BEGATTACH	Start Bates number of first attachment	Note Text	60	✓	✓	✓
ENDATTACH	End Bates number of last	Note	60	✓	✓	✓

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Field name	Field Description	Field Type	Field Value	Hard Copy	E-Mail	Other ESI
	attachment	Text				
PROPERTIES	Privilege notations, Redacted, Document Withheld Based On Privilege	Multi-Entry	Unlimited	✓	✓	✓
RECORD TYPE	File, E-mail, Attachment, or Hard Copy	Note Text	60	✓	✓	✓
FROM	Author - format: Last name, First name	Note Text	160		✓	✓
TO	Recipient- format: Last name, First name	Multi-Entry	Unlimited		✓	✓
CC	Carbon Copy Recipients - format: Last name, First name	Multi-Entry	Unlimited		✓	✓
BCC	Blind Carbon Copy Recipients - format: Last name, First name	Multi-Entry	Unlimited		✓	✓
SUBJECT	Subject/Document Title	Note Text	Unlimited		✓	✓
DOCDATE	Document Date/Date Sent - Format YYYY/MM/DD	Date Keyed	YYYY/MM/DD			✓
BODY	E-mail body, Other Electronic Document Extracted text, or OCR	Full Text	Unlimited	✓	✓	✓
TIMESENT	Time e-mail was sent	Time	10		✓	
DATECRTD	Date Created	Date	YYYY/MM/DD		✓	✓
DATESVD	Date Saved	Date	YYYY/MM/DD		✓	✓
DATEMOD	Date Last Modified	Date Keyed	YYYY/MM/DD		✓	✓
DATERCVD	Date Received	Date	YYYY/MM/DD		✓	
DATEACCD	Date Accessed	Date	YYYY/MM/DD		✓	✓
FILESIZE	File Size	Note Text	10			✓
FILENAME	File name - name of file as it appeared in its original location	Full Text	Unlimited			✓
APPLICATION	Application used to create native file (e.g. Excel, Outlook, Word)	Note Text	160		✓	✓
FILEPATH	Data's original source full folder path	Full Text	Unlimited		✓	✓
NATIVELINK	Current file path location to the native file	Full Text	Unlimited		✓	✓
FOLDERID	E-mail folder path (e.g. Inbox\Active) or Hard Copy container information (e.g. Folder or binder name)	Full Text	Unlimited	✓	✓	
PARAGRAPH	Subpoena/request paragraph number to which the document is responsive	Multi-Entry	Unlimited	✓	✓	✓

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Field name	Field Description	Field Type	Field Value	Hard Copy	E-Mail	Other ESI
HASH	Hash value (used for deduplication or other processing) (e-mail hash values must be run with the e-mail and all of its attachments)	Note Text	Unlimited		✓	✓
MESSAGEHEADER	Email header. Can contain IP address	Full Text	Unlimited		✓	
ATTACHMCOUNT	Number of attachments to an email	Note Text	10		✓	
FILETYPE	Identifies the application that created the file	Note Text	160		✓	✓
COMMENTS	Identifies whether the document has comments associated with it	Note Text	10		✓	✓

4. De-duplication, Near-Duplicate Identification, Email Conversation Threading and Other Culling Procedures

De-duplication of exact copies within a custodian’s data may be done, but all “filepaths” must be provided for each duplicate document. The recipient shall not use any other procedure to cull, filter, group, separate or de-duplicate, etc. (i.e., reduce the volume of) responsive material before discussing with and obtaining the written approval of the Department. All objective coding (e.g., near dupe ID or e-mail thread ID) shall be discussed and produced to the Department as additional metadata fields.

5. Hidden Text

All hidden text (e.g. track changes, hidden columns, mark-ups, notes) shall be expanded and rendered in the image file. For files that cannot be expanded the native files shall be produced with the image file.

6. Embedded Files

All non-graphic embedded objects (Word documents, Excel spreadsheets, .wav files, etc.) that are found within a file shall be extracted and produced. For purposes of production the embedded files shall be treated as attachments to the original file, with the parent/child relationship preserved.

7. Image-Only Files

All image-only files (non-searchable .pdfs, multi-page TIFFs, Snipping Tool [and other] screenshots, etc., as well as all other images that contain text) shall be produced with associated OCR text and metadata/database fields identified in section 3 for “Other ESI.”

8. Hard Copy Records

- a. All hard copy material shall reflect accurate document unitization including all attachments and container information (to be reflected in the PARENTID, ATTACHID, BEGATTACH, ENDATTACH and FOLDERID). Unitization in this context refers to identifying and marking the boundaries of documents within the collection, where a document is defined as the smallest physical fastened unit within a bundle. (e.g., staples, paperclips, rubber bands, folders, or tabs in a binder.) The first document in the collection represents the parent document and all other documents will represent the children.
- b. All documents shall be produced in black and white TIFF format unless the image requires color. An image “requires color” when color in the document adds emphasis to information in the document or is itself information that would not be readily apparent on the face of a black and white image. Images identified as requiring color shall be produced as color 300 dpi single-page JPEG files.

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- c. All objective coding (e.g., document date or document author) should be discussed and produced to the Department as additional metadata/database fields.
- 9. Production of Spreadsheets and Presentation Files.** All spreadsheet and presentation files (e.g. Excel, PowerPoint) shall be produced in the unprocessed “as kept in the ordinary course of business” state (i.e., in native format). *See* section 18 below. The file produced should maintain the integrity of all source, custodian, application, embedded and related file system metadata. No alteration shall be made to file names or extensions for responsive native electronic files.
- 10. Production of Email Repositories**
Email repositories, also known as email databases (e.g., Outlook .PST, Lotus .NSF, etc.), can contain a variety of items, including: messages, calendars, contacts, tasks etc. For purposes of production, responsive items shall include the “Email” metadata/database fields outlined in section 3, including but not limited to all parent items (mail, calendar, contacts, tasks, notes, etc.) and child files (attachments of files to email or other items) with the parent/child relationship preserved. Email databases from operating systems other than Microsoft Exchange shall be produced after consultation with and written consent of the Department about the format for the production of such databases.
- 11. Production of Items Originally Generated in E-Mail Repositories but Found and Collected Outside of Email Repositories, i.e., “Stand-alone” Items**
Any parent email or other parent items (e.g., calendar, contacts, tasks, notes, etc.) found and collected outside of email repositories (e.g., items having extensions like .MSG, .HTM, .MHT, etc.), shall be produced items with the “Email” metadata fields outlined in section 3, including but not limited to any attachments, maintaining the family (parent/child) relationship.
- 12. Production of Instant Messenger (IM), Voicemail Data, Audio Data, Video Data, etc.**
The responding party shall identify, collect, and produce any and all data which is responsive to the requests which may be stored in audio or video recordings, cell phone/PDA/Blackberry/smart phone data, voicemail messaging data, instant messaging, text messaging, conference call data and related/similar technologies. However, such data, logs, metadata or other files related thereto, as well as other less common but similar data types, shall be produced after consultation with and written consent of the Department about the format for the production of such data.
- 13. Productions of Structured Data**
Prior to any production of responsive data from a structured database (e.g., Oracle, SAP, SQL, MySQL, QuickBooks, etc.), the producing party shall first provide the database dictionary and a list of all reports that can be generated from the structured database. The list of reports shall be provided in native Excel (.xls) format.
- 14. Productions of Structured Data from Proprietary Applications**
Prior to any production of structured data from proprietary applications (e.g., proprietary timekeeping, accounting, sales rep call notes, etc.) the producing party shall first provide the database dictionary and a list of all reports that can be generated from the structured database. The list of reports shall be produced in native Excel (.xls) format.
- 15. Production of Photographs with Native File or Digitized ESI**
Photographs shall be produced as single-page .JPG files with a resolution equivalent to the original image as it was captured/created. All .JPG files shall have extracted metadata/database fields provided in a load file format as outlined in section 3 for “Other ESI.”

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16. Images from which Text Cannot be OCR Converted

An exception report shall be provided when limitations of paper digitization software/hardware or attribute conversion do not allow for OCR text conversion of certain images. The report shall include the electronic Bates, document id or Bates number(s) corresponding to each such image.

17. Format of ESI from Non-PC or Windows-based Systems

If responsive ESI is in non-PC or non-Windows-based Systems (e.g., Apple, IBM mainframes and UNIX machines), the ESI shall be produced after discussion with and written consent of the Department about the format for the production of such data.

18. Production of Native Files (When Applicable Pursuant to These Specifications)

Productions of native files, as called for in these specifications, shall have extracted metadata/database fields provided in a load file format as defined in the field specifications for “Other ESI” as outlined in section 3.

- a. ESI shall be produced in a manner which is functionally useable by the Department. The following are examples:
 - AutoCAD data, e.g., .DWG, .DXF, shall be processed/converted and produced as single-page .JPG image files and accompanied by an image formatted load as described above. The native files shall be placed in a separate folder on the production media and linked by a hyperlink within the text load file.
 - GIS data shall be produced in its native format and be accompanied by a viewer such that the mapping or other data can be reviewed in a manner that does not detract from its ability to be reasonably understood.
 - Audio and video recordings shall be produced in native format and be accompanied by a viewer if such recordings do not play in a generic application (e.g., Windows Media Player).

19. Bates Number Convention

All images should be assigned Bates numbers before production to DOJ. The numbers should be “endorsed” (or “burned in”) on the actual images. Native files should be assigned a single bates number for the entire file. The Bates number shall not exceed 30 characters in length and shall include leading zeros in the numeric portion. The Bates number shall be a unique name/number common to each page (when assigned to an image) or to each document (when assigned to a native file). If the Department agrees to a rolling production, the naming/numbering convention shall remain consistent throughout the entire production. There shall be no spaces between the prefix and numeric value. If suffixes are required, please use “dot notation.” Below is a sample of dot notation:

PREFIX0000001	PREFIX0000003
PREFIX0000001.001	PREFIX0000003.001
PREFIX0000001.002	PREFIX0000003.002

20. Media Formats for Storage and Delivery of Production Data

Electronic documents and data shall be delivered on any of the following media:

- a. CD-ROMs and/or DVD-R (+/-) formatted to ISO/IEC 13346 and Universal Disk Format 1.02 specifications.
- b. External hard drives, USB 2.0 (or better) or eSATA, formatted to NTFS format specifications.
- c. Storage media used to deliver ESI shall be appropriate to the size of the data in the production.
- d. Media should be labeled with the case name, production date, Bates range, and producing party.

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21. Virus Protection and Security for Delivery of Production Data

Production data shall be free of computer viruses. Any files found to include a virus shall be quarantined by the producing party and noted in a log to be provided to the Department. Password protected or encrypted files or media shall be provided with corresponding passwords and specific decryption instructions. No encryption software shall be used without the written consent of the Department.

22. Compliance and Adherence to Generally Accepted Technical Standards

Production shall be in conformance with standards and practices established by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (“NIST” at www.nist.gov), U.S. National Archives & Records Administration (“NARA” at www.archives.gov), American Records Management Association (“ARMA International” at www.arma.org), American National Standards Institute (“ANSI” at www.ansi.org), International Organization for Standardization (“ISO” at www.iso.org), and/or other U.S. Government or professional organizations.

23. Read Me Text File

All deliverables shall include a read me text file at the root directory containing: total number of records, total number of images/pages or files, mapping of fields to plainly identify field names, types, lengths and formats. The file shall also indicate the field name to which images will be linked for viewing, date and time format, and confirmation that the number of files in load files matches the number of files produced.

24. Exception Log

An Exception Log shall be included documenting any production anomalies utilizing the electronic Bates number (document id or control numbering) assigned during the collection, processing and production phases.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the enclosed documents are accurate and complete copies of all documents, including electronically stored information, within my possession, custody or control at the offices of **Rick Vasquez Firearms, LLC** referring or relating to copies of records pertaining to **Rick Vasquez Firearm, LLC and Lawrence DeMonico and/or Rick Vasquez Firearms. LLC and Rare Breed Triggers, LLC and/or Rick Vasquez Firearms, LLC and Rare Breed Firearms, LLC** (the "Records").

If any such material has not been produced because of a lawful objection, the objection to the document request and the reasons for the objection have been stated.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America (28 U.S.C. § 1746) that the forgoing is true and correct.

Name

Signature

Title

SWORN TO before me this
_____ day of _____, 23

SIGNATURE: _____
Custodian of Records

TYPE/PRINT NAME SIGNATORY: _____

EXECUTED: This ____ day of _____, 2023